

# WORKERS ACCEPT: RAILROADS BALK

## President Vetoes Army Appropriation

### DECIDES NOT TO PUT NAME TO MEASURE

Action Is Announced After Discussion of Matter With Secretary Baker.

### MAY DELAY CONGRESS

Will Necessitate Passage of New Bill—Revision Articles to Blame?

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill because of exemptions from discipline for retired officers forced into it by the house conferees led by Representative Hay over the opposition of the war department. A new bill will be necessary and may delay adjournment of congress.

Representative Hay said he would reintroduce the bill in the house immediately, with the features to which the president objected eliminated.

Mr. Hay followed his announcement by reintroducing the bill, minus not only the section to which the president objected, but with the whole revision of the articles of war eliminated. This threatened to complicate the situation.

Representative Hay said he would seek to repeal the bill in the house under a special rule next Tuesday.

The articles of war will not be permitted to get through in this bill again, he declared emphatically after a conference with several members of the senate.

The danger of complication and delay lies in the fact that Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee said that if the house passed the bill without revision of the articles of war, the senate probably would reject it.

The president and the war department were satisfied with that provision.

Carefully Considered Measure.

In his veto message to the house of representatives, President Wilson said he had carefully considered the bill before returning it with objections to its approval.

The bill constitutes an essential part of the legislation providing for the military establishment of the country, said the president, "and wisely and generously provides for the reorganization of the agencies of our national defense and it is with genuine reluctance that I delay its becoming law by suggesting the elimination of one of the provisions which has been embodied in the very necessary and important revision of the articles of war which has been added to it."

The existing articles of war are undoubtedly archaic. They have not undergone comprehensive revision for more than one hundred years. They do not always furnish a means of meeting promptly and directly the needs of discipline under modern conditions and many contingencies now frequently arise in the government of the military forces which were not contemplated when the present code was formulated.

The relations of the government of the United States have greatly broadened within the hundred years. We now have insular possessions and national interests far away from our continental shores. Both the practice of arms and the theory of discipline have undergone many changes and a manifest need for such revision of those articles as is here presented has long existed.

### German Sub Is Reported Safe at Home

Geneva, Aug. 18, (via Paris, 5:40 p. m.)—A private telegram received today from Berlin by the Neue Zürcher Zeitung says that the German submarine Deutschland arrived safely yesterday at Bremen from the United States.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 18.—The captain of a Norwegian steamer which arrived in Hampton Roads for bunker coal, stated today he passed the submarine Deutschland Aug. 10, then eight days out of the Virginia Capes. The Deutschland was under full sail. The captain said he took her for a sailing ship in distress. He received a reply which said it was the Deutschland.

The Deutschland had collapsible masts fore and aft when she lay at her wharf in Baltimore.

### GULF STORM HITS SOLDIERS' CAMP

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 18.—Communication by telegraph with Brownsville and extreme south Texas was lost from both Houston and San Antonio shortly after 1:30 o'clock today.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 18.—Summer residents on Padre Island beach, opposite Point Isabel, 22 miles northeast of here, were removed to the mainland early today by a crew of the United States coast guard station at Brazos Island, on receipt of news of the tropical storm approaching the Gulf from the West Indies. All fishing vessels also were drawn into Isabel harbor. Barometers here registered 29.30 at 10 a. m., a fall of ten points since 7 a. m. and was still falling.

The gulf storm flung its fury on the Illinois cavalry's tented village today but the men did not suffer as much as they have in previous deluges, owing to their tents having board floors. Governor Dunne's visit was made under trying conditions.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 18.—A telegram from Corpus Christi says the weather bureau there has located the center of the storm and predicts the storm center will strike that place about midnight tonight.

### THE WAR TODAY

The Russians, temporarily held up in their Galician drive by heavy counter attacks, have again begun to move forward.

Petrograd today announces that the Teutonic armies on this front have failed in their attempt to throw back General Brusiloff's armies and that the Russians are again advancing on several points.

The French have not been notably active in the Verdun region for the past few days but last night they resumed their offensive east of the Meuse and, according to this afternoon's Paris bulletin, succeeded in driving the Germans from a part of the village of Fleury and advancing in the Thiaumont sector.

After a brief delay the Germans have made their expected counter-move in the Manrepass sector on the Somme front. Paris describes several German attempts at counter attacks as failures.

For the first time in weeks no change of positions, considered important, was reported from any of the war fronts. The severest engagement occurred on the western end of the British front on the Somme, where the Germans six times attempted to bend back the British lines northwest of Pozieres. London reports that these attacks were all repulsed with heavy losses and that the British captured about 100 yards of trenches northwest of Bazentin.

On the western front the Germans have so far made no attempt to deliver a counter attack in the region where the British and French captured three miles of trenches Wednesday.

### TEUTONS ARE AGAIN DRIVEN FROM FLEURY

Germans Forced to Abandon Position in Town Taken From French.

### LOSE AT THIAUMONT

Paris Statement Also Claims Gains of Ground and Men Near Fort.

Paris, Aug. 18 (Noon).—Heavy attacks were made by the French last night on the Verdun front. After violent fighting at Fleury, east of the Meuse, they expelled the Germans from part of the town which had been captured, says today's official statement.

Several German counter attacks on the Somme front southeast of Maurepas, were repulsed.

The French also made considerable progress near Thiaumont in the Verdun sector. Fifty Germans were captured there.

German Report.

Berlin, Aug. 18, (via London 4:52 p. m.)—Attacks by the French last night on an extended front in the Verdun region, east of the Meuse, were repulsed all along the line except at Fleury, where fighting is still in progress, the war office announced today.

The British, with several fresh divisions, launched an attack on the German lines north of the Somme and succeeded in driving back the Germans first line for a short distance on a narrow front southwest of Martinpuich, the war office announced today. In other sectors they were completely repulsed.

### MIDDLEWEST AGAIN IN HEAT WAVE'S GRIP

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Extensive air disturbances in the northwest added by southern winds today sent another hot wave over the entire middle west. The maximum temperature for the day in most sections between the Rocky mountains and the Alleghenies will vary between 95 and 100 degrees, weather bureau officials said.

The weather will be cooler in about the Dakotas tonight but there is no relief in sight for Chicago and vicinity before Sunday and possibly not then. The heat wave, however, will not be as severe as the latter part of July.

### NORWAY ACTS UPON ARMED SHIP ISSUE

Berlin, Aug. 18, (by wireless to Sayville).—Norway has taken official action regarding armed merchantmen, according to an Overseas News agency message today which says:

"The Norwegian minister of justice has instructed the police in Norwegian ports to find out whether incoming merchantmen are armed and in case they are, order an investigation by the military authorities before giving such vessels permission to leave."

### BIG TRACTOR RUNS OVER LAD; BRUISED

Mason City, Ill., Aug. 18.—Raymond Lager, son of H. H. Lager, was only bruised when a heavy gasoline tractor road grader, weighing several tons, passed over his head and shoulder.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Fair with continued high temperature tonight and probably Saturday. Highest temperature yesterday 94. Lowest, last night, 77; at 7 a. m. today 78.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. four miles an hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m. 54; at 7 a. m. 84.

at 1 o'clock today 42.

Stage of water 4 feet even with a fall of 2 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERMAN, Local Forecaster.

### W. W.: "HERE BOYS, LET'S GET TOGETHER"



### CONTINUE PROBE IN GIRL'S DEATH

Case of Young Cashier of Chicago Restaurant Crushed Under Auto Still Baffling Police.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Local authorities today continued their investigation into the mysterious death of Miss Maud Marchant, until last Saturday a cashier in a downtown restaurant, who was crushed beneath an automobile near Des Plaines yesterday. An effort was being made to establish the identity of two men in the car who were injured when it overturned and who subsequently disappeared.

The police also sought the mysterious chauffeur who gave the name of Frederick Aulworth, and who is said to have put the two injured men into the automobile that had been righted with the aid of other motorists and hurried them to Chicago, leaving Miss Marchant dying in the road.

The accident occurred near a roadhouse known as "The House that Jack Built." It is claimed the police have ascertained that two parties went to this house late Wednesday night. One party, it is said, contained a physician from Chicago, two other men and three women. The second party comprised two women and three men. Both parties left about 1 o'clock and the tragedy occurred about ten minutes later.

### HOLD INQUEST IN DEATH OF BRIDE

Married Only Four Hours, Young Woman Falls Dead in Husband's Arms—Coroner on Case.

Havana, Ill., Aug. 18.—A coroner's inquest into the mysterious death of Mrs. James Van Aiken, a bride of four hours, will be held today if the physician who attended her can be located. The husband was expected to be an important witness.

The couple were married yesterday and immediately took the train for Kilbourne, Ill. There they hired a horse and buggy for a drive of five miles to the home of the bride's sister, where Van Aiken said his bride had died on the trip from Kilbourne.

### TELLS SUFFERINGS OF THE ARMENIANS

Boston, Aug. 18.—A statement describing the hardships suffered by Armenian refugees in northern Arabia was made public today by Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. Dr. Barton said the statement came from an eye witness and could be depended upon as unexaggerated.

The eye witness said that of 3,500 deported Armenians at Meskene, a part had found employment but the rest were begging.

"In every tent," he said, "there are sick and dying. Many hundreds of the sick are left without any tent or covering. I saw desperate ones throw themselves in grave trenches and beg the grave diggers to bury them. The government does not give the hungry any bread."

Profitable Year in Seal Hunting.

New York, Aug. 18.—Sealing in the ice fields off New Foundland has been very profitable this year, says Dr. Reverdy V. W. Estill, of Louisville, Ky., who has returned from a five weeks' trip to the sealing grounds. Dr. Estill said the steamer Florizell, on which he sailed, gathered about \$150,000 worth of pelts and oil.

### Prince Cast into Humble Grave, Claim

Paris, Aug. 18, (6:05 a. m.)—The circumstances of the death and mysterious disappearance of the body of Prince Maximilien of Hesse, whose relatives invoked the aid of the pope in an effort to obtain this information, are disclosed by a writer in the Parisien. The writer asserts that the prince was shot in the groin during an engagement between a Saxon detachment and an English patrol near Godevaersvelde.

The prince was found by trappist monks and taken to their monastery, where he died soon after. The monks were ordered to evacuate the monastery and Father Bernard, visiting the cloister on the following day, found the body of the prince was missing.

Later the prince's family appealed to the pope to obtain information as to the disposition of his body but without success. The Petit Parisien writer says the body reposes in a humble cemetery in Hazebroeck, that it was kept two days in a house there, was once interred but exhumed at night and finally buried in a coffin costing 30 francs which were advanced by a poor man out of pity.

### FINDING OF GRAVE ENDS LONG SEARCH

Danville, Ill., Aug. 18.—After a search of 78 years, by near relatives, the body of Elijah Brown, who left Nashville, Tenn., in 1838 for Illinois, was found yesterday near Allerton, Ill. Brown, a well known Baptist preacher in Tennessee, started overland to northern Illinois with his wife and seven small children, but died en route and his body was buried by the wayside. A marker was made for the grave, but the place was forgotten. When his son William was old enough he started a search for the body, which continued until his death. Since then his grandchildren have spent much time and money, getting information from two patriarchs who remembered the circumstances and located the grave in a wooded pasture on a farm nearby. The marble slab was broken, but the name and date of death in 1838 made identification possible.

### Latest Bulletins

Aurora, Ill., Aug. 18.—The bridge across the Illinois river at Seneca, Ill., broke at its middle today under the weight of a Big Four train of passenger and freight cars and three freight cars in the middle of the train dropped into the river, according to reports reaching here. No one was hurt. Michael Dugan of Kankakee was engineer of the train.

Corpus Christi, Aug. 18.—The steamer Pilot Boy, belonging to the Texas and Gulf Steamship company of Galveston, was caught in the tropical storm today and sunk somewhere in the gulf between here and Galveston. The exact location was not given in the meager reports received here so far.

### BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYS HOUSE

Industrial Workers Held Responsible for Attempt Made on Life of Minnesota Miner.

Biwabik, Minn., Aug. 18.—An explosion which early today wrecked a boarding house at the Biwabik mine location near here, in which were ten persons, is laid by the authorities to the doings of the Industrial Workers of the World. No one was injured. The I. W. W. leaders it is charged, had threatened the miners with death if they did not quit work. One I. W. W. member is held on suspicion.

Tony Dumont, who with his wife, two children and six boarders, occupied the house, had been told by pickets to stop work if he did not want to "wake up in hell." Matti Molines was arrested. I. W. W. cards were found in his possession, officials say.

As the invalid wife and five children of John Smith, holding engineer at the Biwabik mines were about to retire at his home on the Nelson location, near Hibbing late last night, dynamite tore away the entire front of the house.

### PORTUGAL IS TO TAKE PART IN WAR

Lisbon, (via London, Aug. 18).—Major Norton Mattis, the Portuguese minister of war announced today that Portugal soon will participate in the war, fighting on the side of the entente allies.

### TRAIN HELD UP BY MEXICAN REBELS

El Paso, Aug. 18.—Sixty revolutionists held up a passenger train on the Mexican national railway on Tuesday near Aguas Calientes, Durango, taking prisoner the 25 Carranza soldiers comprising the escort, according to passengers aboard the train which arrived here today. Two baggage men also were taken captive but the remainder of the crew and the passengers were unmolested, they said.

### FINAL ANALYSIS OF PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO PREVENT STRIKE

1—The eight-hour day to go into effect immediately with 10-hour pay.

2—Regular pay for overtime, eliminating the demand for time and a half, pending investigation by a commission.

3—Investigation by a commission of three, to be appointed by the president and congress, into the effect of the eight-hour day—the cost to the railroads and the effect on the service—and all other issues in dispute between the railroads and their employees, the final disposition of the dispute to depend on the finding of this commission.

### WILSON PLAN IS UPHELD BY VOTE OF MEN

Employees Understood to Have Decided to Support Executive's Proposal.

### BOSSSES REMAIN FIRM

Rail Presidents Back Managers in Stand Against Eight-Hour Day.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Thirty-one railroad presidents today told President Wilson they stood by the decision of their managers' committee that an 8-hour day was impracticable.

President Wilson refused to take "no" for an answer to his proposal that they accept the 8-hour day and asked them to return to the White house tomorrow with their managers for another conference.

Just after the railroad presidents left the White house it became known unofficially that the employees had voted to accept President Wilson's proposition and that some of the leaders had gone to the White house to tell him so.

The vote of the employees on President Wilson's plan was delivered to him personally by the chiefs of the four brotherhoods, A. B. Garretson, their spokesman, said it would be given out by the president and added that although the employees had received no invitation to return to the White house they would "ferry" here to await a possible summons.

The four brotherhood leaders were in conference with the president 30 minutes and said no modification of the plan had been presented to them as a result of President Wilson's conference with the railroad presidents.

Employes and Bosses Hold Sessions.

While the 640 representatives of the railway employees assembled in secret session this morning to vote on acceptance of President Wilson's plan for averting a nation-wide strike, the railroad presidents and their managers held a final conference before going to the White house.

There were indications that the employees would vote to accept President Wilson's proposal of a basic eight-hour day and settlement of side issues by a special commission, but the hope for settlement was endangered by evidence that the railroad presidents, backing up their managers' committee, were not inclined to grant an eight-hour day unless it be decided by arbitration and in any event might ask President Wilson for a little time in which to think over his proposition.

Gives Time to Situation.

President Wilson abandoned today's cabinet meeting so he could devote all his time to the crucial railroad situation.

The time for President Wilson's conference with the railroad presidents had been set for 11:30 o'clock this morning but the railroad men found it impossible to be prepared with their statement at that hour and the time was changed to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Railroads Want Arbitration.

The railroad presidents want arbitration under the Newlands act, with two arbitrators for roads, two for the men and two for the public. The disposition of many of them was said today to be to insist upon action of that character and not yield to President Wilson's plan for an eight-hour day unless it comes from an arbitration board. Some of the presidents are said to feel that the public will support their offer to arbitrate everything. Some others, however, were of the opinion that if President Wilson chooses to exercise his power and refuses to press the men for arbitration, it will be difficult for the railroad presidents to continue opposition to his plan.

Wilson Plan Favored.

After the employees' meeting had been in session for an hour one of the leaders came out and said sentiment for the president's proposal was by no means unanimous but no organized opposition had appeared. Most of them thought the proposition good in the main but a number objected to it.

During the morning President Wilson prepared a statement reviewing the negotiations and explaining why he chose the plan of settlement based on the 8-hour day. The statement probably will be given out later.

In the men's meeting the leading objection to President Wilson's plan was that if it were accepted without extra pay for overtime the men demanded, the railroads would contend that the sole purpose of the men was to obtain more money and not to get the 8-hour day.

Troops Doused in Heavy Rain.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 18.—A rush of water from a heavy down pour of rain over Camp Cotton late last night drove about 500 men of the Thirty-first Michigan infantry out of their tents. The tentless doubled up with other companies, slept in box cars or came to town to the hotels.